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Letter dated 3 February 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to submit to you the statement by the Permanent Council of the Collective Security Treaty Organization on the issue of the continuing increase in tension arising from the situation around the Strait of Hormuz (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex were issued as a document of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34.

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Annex to the letter dated 3 February 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement by the Permanent Council of the Collective Security Treaty Organization

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The Permanent Council of the Collective Security Treaty Organization expresses concern at the increasing tension in the situation around the Strait of Hormuz. Any developments of a confrontational nature, especially against the background of general instability in the Middle East and North Africa, could have serious negative consequences not only for the neighbouring countries of the region directly adjacent to the area of responsibility of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, but also for the international community as a whole.

The Permanent Council of the Collective Security Treaty Organization calls on the parties to exercise maximum restraint and to refrain from making any statements and especially from taking any actions that could lead to further escalation of the confrontation.

31 January 2012